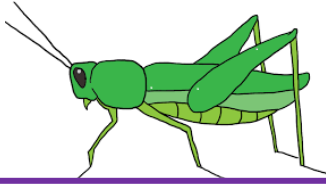


Reception Newsletter



Friday 3rd February 2023

Our golden promises

We promise to be...

Respectful (look after everyone and everything), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy) **Thoughtful and caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners) **Enthusiastic** (to be an excited learner)

This week...

In maths we have been looking at addition. We used concrete objects to make 2 groups of different amounts before adding them together to find out how many there were **altogether**. We noticed that the amount we made after this was bigger than the number we started with. This is **adding**. We made the + sign and the = on our arms and looked at it written down. We learn some new vocabulary such as **add, plus, equals, makes**. Later in the week we had a go at solving **number sentences** (eg $5+2=$) using **tens frames** and drawing pictures. Lots of children were observed later writing their own number sentences and solving them on their fingers or other resources. We had lots of fun on number day with lots of children creating their own number themed clothes.

Next week

We paused our exploration of the winter season to celebrate the NSPCC number day so next week we will make observations of this season and compare it to the autumn.

We will be introducing making toast into our reception provision. Making toast will be available throughout the day and we will be learning how to use the toaster independently, butter it and wash up after. Children will only be able to have one piece of toast a day.

Phonics this week

Phonemes –*qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee.igh, oa*
Common exception words (tricky) – *to, the, no, into, go, is, his, be, he, me, we, she, as, has*

High frequency words (try to read on sight) – *in, it, if, on, at, an,*

Ideas for home

Look out for the signs of winter over the next few weeks – the weather, temperature, the clothes we wear, what happens to nature all around us in this season. Take some pictures when you are out and about.

Things coming up

Monday 13th – 17th Feb - Half term

Other bits:

Library books – We will be sending the children home with an additional book next week from our school library. The children will visit the library and select their own book based around their interests and what they like the look of! The purpose of this book is to encourage reading for pleasure and this is a book you can read **to** them. We will record the name of the library book borrowed in addition to you recording it in their reading record.

Library books can be returned every **Tuesday** and a new one will be sent home on the same day

Reading books: Return to school on a Monday. New book out on Tuesday
(Please ensure they are kept in book bags all week)

Phonics folders: In on a Wednesday and out on a Friday

**** words in red = new vocabulary that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child's language development****